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A program for building new highways and reconstruction of existing highways in Rumania was completed during the summer of 1954. This program is related to a four-year plan imposed upon the Rumanians by their Soviet advisers. The following achievements were accomplished:

- a. The first part of a state highway connecting Bacau-Piatra Neamt-Bistricioara is 113 kilometers long and was completed in July 1954. The section between Bistricioara and Toplita was rebuilt in 1953 while the section connecting Toplita with Reghin, which is a distance of 70 kilometers, was completed in the summer of 1954. The most important section of this highway, because it is a completely new construction, is its prolongation to Cluj, which is 80 kilometers long. These roads are all 20 meters wide and are built for high speed motor traffic.
- b. A new highway has been built between Piatra-Neamt and Targul Frumos where it joins the Iasi-Campulung highway. This road is 62 kilometers long and 20 meters wide.
- c. The building of a highway between Cluj and Carei, which was started in 1953, was continued during the past summer with political prisoners doing most of the work. All the bridges on this road have been completed; the longest, 54 meters, is over the Tinerul River. All are built of cement. The length of the highway is 180 kilometers. It has not been opened to traffic.
- d. The old highway, called the "Old Road", connecting Stalin and Cluj has been repaired and the bridges have either been rebuilt or strengthened. The length of this road is 310 kilometers. The old road has been changed at many points. Alba Iulia is no longer on this highway while it passes through Sibiu.
- e. The road from Deva to Lugoj, which is about 100 kilometers long, has been widened to 24 meters. The road is being extended from Deva

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toward Brad-Abrud-Turda; it is expected to be completed in a short time as all the free road workers from the Banat and Transylvania have been concentrated there.

- f. A kind of transversal road is under construction between Brad and Savirsin; it is 40 kilometers long. The preliminary work has been completed. This will be used as a short-cut for a Soviet supply route.
- g. The Craiova-Bechet highway has been completed and widened to 24 meters.
- h. The Calarasi-Slobozia highway, which is 46 kilometers long, has been completed. A bridge 150 meters long, on the Ialomita River, was built on this highway. According to plans that have been drawn, the road will be extended to Faurei during 1955. The road will be 20 meters wide.
- i. The Rosiori-de-Vede-Turnul-Magurele, which was repaired in 1953 was widened from 18 to 24 meters.
- j. The Caracal-Borabia road was widened from 8 to 20 meters.

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